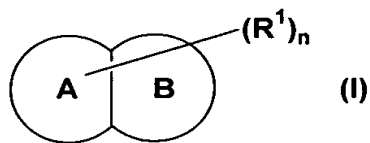


ABSTRACT

The compound represented by the general formula (I):



5 wherein, a fused ring AB represents a 5- to 10-membered
fused heterocyclic ring; R^1 represents (1) a hydrogen atom, (2)
a halogen atom, (3) a cyano group, (4) an oxo group, (5) an
optionally protected hydroxyl group, (6) an optionally
protected carboxyl group, (7) an optionally protected amino
10 group, (8) a cyclic group which may have a substituent(s), (9)
an aliphatic hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent(s),
or (10) an optionally protected thiol group; n represents 0 or
an integer of 1 to 8; provided that n represents an integer of
not less than 2, plural R^1 are the same or different;
15 a salt thereof, a solvate thereof or a prodrug thereof has a
kinase (especially c-Jun N-terminal kinase) inhibitory
activity and an inhibitory activity of a function of AP-1 as
a transcription factor, it is useful as a preventive and/or
therapeutic agent for a for example, a diabetes of metabolic
20 disease, etc., a rheumatoid arthritis of inflammatory, etc.